

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



After all the market is more important than the soil. If an ideal soil (sandy loam) for gardening purposes is far remote from a good market, it is difficult to be financially successful. If, on the other hand, the soil is quite unfavorable, but near a good market and available supply of manure, it is comparatively easy to make a financial success of market gardening. It is important, however, to select soils which are naturally loose and friable. If a mixed line of gardening is to be followed

In preparing beds for flowers it should be remembered that most flowers which produce a yellow bloom should not have much organic matter in the soil. Red or purple flowers will do best on a soil with a reasonable amount of organic matter, and plants which are grown for their foliage should be attempted only on rich soils. We speak of that now because this is the ideal time to prepare next year's flower beds.

If you have only common cows, breed them to a male of standard dairy breed and the result will give grade animals. These half-blood grade animals bred in the same line will give animals more nearly pure bred, and this breeding and selection with judgment will result in a herd of high producing animals that will make money for the breeder or the man who buys them.

Trimming the orchard is imperative and trimming the hedge rows is just as important. An untrimmed orchard not only fails to produce fruit but is also unprofitable in the shabby appearance it gives the farm. The untrimmed hedge is even more objectionable as one gets his first impression from the outside.

Humus making crops are such grasses as timothy, clover, blue grass, bromo grass and alfalfa. It has been found that grass land plowed and put into crops is under better conditions of moisture and freer from weeds than land that has grown grain continuously.

When the fowls begin molting they will practically cease laying. As the growing of new feathers is a heavy drain on the fowl extra feed should be given. A small amount of linseed meal can be given to an advantage. Feed wheat and oats rather than much corn.

Don't let the young orchard trees go into winter without protection. Anything that shades the bark will protect from sunscald but a covering that gives the tree immunity from sunscald and gnawing from rodents is better.

A well drained soil with good elevation, slightly higher if possible than the surrounding area, fairly heavy in character, with a deep, strong, but not hard pan subsoil furnishes the best conditions for successful apple growing.

While there is never any very large profit in selling either turnips or "greens," the crop is one that requires so little care and is so sure that it will pay anyone handy to a market to sow some for sale.

There are three kinds of bees in every thrifty hive—one queen, during the summer season several hundred drones, and the rest workers. These workers are all females, undeveloped queens.

This being the cement age, cement floors are good for the new poultry house, for they are dry and easily kept clean. They can be covered with dry earth in summer and cut straw in winter.

"Examine the horse's teeth frequently." It might be added that the most important time to do this is when you are being importuned to buy a horse that is "as sound as a roach."

We frequently see young colts following along the fields after their dams, walking many miles during the hot weather. Useless and poor business.

Generally when the comb of a fowl is bright colored, showing it to be full of blood, the fowl is in a healthy condition and the fowls are usually active.

Grass, clover, corn fodder and cow peas, when fed in green state, are relished by farm animals much more than after they are cured.

To groom the horse well after hard work, does not only clean the skin, but it prevents various parasitic diseases of the skin.

Separate the growing cockerels from the pullets, and feed the former more liberally, as they will need it.

American sheep produce an average of six pounds of wool per head and are shorn once a year.

Attention to the brood sow at the farrowing time should be especially emphasized.

Sheep like to drink close up where the water bubbles out from the springs.

A farmer writes from Salina county, Nebraska: "Our apple orchard in one thin land and was badly neglected when we bought the place. After two years of heavy applications of stable manure we made that old orchard yield at the rate of 1,500 bushels of apples per acre in one year." The trees were so close together, however, and the yield so large that they were greatly weakened. We then took the bull by the horns and cut out every other tree and are going to have splendid results this year."

The udder of a cow has a good deal to do with her value as an economical producer. An ideal udder should not be too large, but should have sufficient capacity to allow the continued growth of the cells necessary in the manufacture of milk. The udder should be evenly balanced in front and behind and should be covered with soft, velvety hair and be free from blemishes and fleshiness. It should extend well forward and well up behind and the teats should be evenly placed.

Humus is a variable, infinite sort of matter, difficult to classify, chemically complex, sometimes highly nitrogenous and sometimes nearly nitrogen free, composed of mixed animal and vegetable matter—mostly the latter in its intermediate forms of decomposition, but not complete.

A little green corn will help out amazingly when the pastures get short these hot, dry days. Care must be used in feeding it, but it is doubtful if it can be made to bring a bigger profit than when fed green as a supplement to falling pastures. And you get full value for the entire crop when used in this manner.

It takes two-thirds of all the good cow teats to keep her alive and without loss of flesh, and the other third of ordinary good rations to enable her to give milk. The expense of two-thirds of the money earning rations has to be incurred when the cow is earning nothing.

Angora goats of both sexes will sometimes breed when five months old, and often at six months, but from the fact that they are at this age but a month or two from weaning time and are not nearly full grown, it is obvious that they should not be permitted to breed.

With native grass lands or with lands fresh from the range country, it would not be advisable to begin heavy grain feeding when first placed in the dry lot, as an abrupt change is not conducive to the best health nor to the best future gain with any class of animals.

With the present short pastures and promised advent of extremely dry, hot weather, it must be remembered that now is the opportune time to feed the sweet fodder corn we urged you to plant through these columns last spring for soiling purposes.

The profit from poultry depends upon economical feeding, from utilizing materials which would otherwise be wasted. When grain must be bought for supplying their principal needs close figuring is necessary to avoid loss.

Do not let the radishes that were left for seed become too ripe before the seed is gathered. When the pods break the seeds spread over a great deal of ground and are equal to a weed pest the following year.

In dressing fowls for market it pays to be particular in dressing them. A well dressed, dry picked fowl should bring several cents more per pound than one that has its skin torn and lots of pin feathers on it.

Unless a person is willing to pay attention to little details and not only do them once but as often as occasion may require, it would hardly be advisable for them to undertake poultry keeping for profit.

The young bees, hatched from August first on, will constitute the colony to be wintered, and for this reason it is wise to see that much brood is ready, even if we have to resort to stimulative feeding.

Do not allow the pullets to get too fat, as it will set them back in making a start at egg production. Besides, this overfat is apt to create too much animal heat, which often results in a molt out of season.

A clover crop in which Bladder Campion is prevalent should be cut early for hay, then deeply plowed and thoroughly fallowed during the balance of the season, preparatory to a hood crop.

Water is a necessary constituent of milk and the cow must have it during the time it is being manufactured. The best plan is to have a supply where she can have access to it at all times.

In raising late hatched chicks it is always best to have separate quarters for them where they will not be trampled down and their feet stolen by the older and stronger birds.

If possible, keep the bees from casting more than one swarm, and you are certain, in a normal season, to get a nice surplus of honey.

Keep a few cats in the barns and give them milk at each milking. They will destroy the rats which eat the grain that lays in the barn.

Take a mallet and sharp chisel and trim the horses' feet. Keeping the feet in good shape not only prevents them from breaking and cracking, but it is easier on the horses.

Have an extra trough for the hoglot, besides the one you feed in, and keep a good supply of ashes, charcoal and salt in it. It means healthier pigs.

Some of our best authorities recommend timothy and clover to be sown in the fall without a nurse crop.



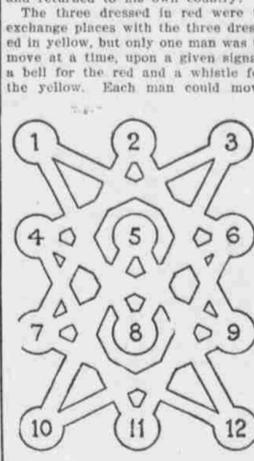
SULTAN'S PIT GAME IS NOVEL

Prisoners Placed in Labyrinth and Offered Freedom Under Unique Conditions.

A certain Sultan who was fond of all manner of intricate puzzles used to amuse himself by testing the ingenuity and resource of his prisoners of war. Among other buildings about his palace he had a peculiar maze, which consisted of 12 pits, open to the sky above and connected by a series of underground passages, which were quite dark.

Upon one occasion he caused six prisoners to be placed in these pits, three of them dressed in red in the pits numbered 1, 2, 3, and three more dressed in yellow in the pits numbered 10, 11, 12. The Sultan commanded his vizier to provide each of these prisoners, who were complete strangers to one another, with a rifle and five cartridges, and to inform them separately that any of them who could escape alive under the following conditions should be set free and returned to his own country:

The three dressed in red were to exchange places with the three dressed in yellow, but only one man was to move at a time, upon a given signal, a bell for the red and a whistle for the yellow. Each man could move



Plan of Pit.

only from the pit in which he stood to another pit that he could see in a direct line with his own, the passage from one pit to another being always a direct line through the dark.

As each pit commanded a view of two others, each man was told that if he saw another man dressed in a different color from himself standing in any pit he should fire upon him at once and kill him or the man whom he saw would in turn shoot at him. If any survived and got to the other side of the maze they would be set free.

This plan having been explained to the prisoners before the day set for the experiment and each of them having been provided with a plan of the maze it appears that one of them had studied out a plan by which they might all escape with their lives, and when they were placed in the pits, the tops of which were open to the sky, he called to the others in his own language and was delighted to find that they all understood him, whereupon he explained his plan and gave the word of command to each man as to the direction he should take.

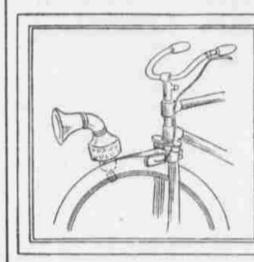
In 22 moves they had safely changed places, no red man having ever seen a yellow man and no two men having ever been in the same pit at the same time.

How was this accomplished?

MOTOR-CYCLE SIREN WHISTLE

Powerful Alarm Device, to Be Placed on Front Fork of Machine, is on Market.

A powerful siren whistle, designed for attachment to the front fork of a motorcycle, just above the rim of the wheel, has been placed on the market, says Popular Mechanics. Attached in



Powerful Siren Whistle.

this way the bell of the whistle points in the exact direction that the front wheel of the machine is taking.

Dense.

One day the teacher asked her class to write an essay on London, about which they had just been reading. When examining their papers later, she was surprised to read the following:

"The people of London are noted for their stupidity."

"Where did you get that from?" she asked of the little girl who had written the paper.

"Please, teacher," the little miss replied, "it's all in the book. It says the population of London is very dense."

A Good Idea.

Said Janey: "I look volumes. And why, I'll tell you. I don't know how to read, so that's the best that I can do."

Rose Guess.

Any one can play this simple game. Take a full-blown rose, hold it up where all can see, then let them write on slips of paper how many petals they think are in the rose. The petals are then counted and the nearest right receives

OFFENSIVE MANNERS.



How nicely little Cecil sits And his big cake in careful Bits— A Warning, John, to you, Whose Mouth is filled with Beef and Egg. The Remnants of a Turkey's Leg, And half a dumpling, too.

It really makes me feel quite hurt To see the Way that you insert Your Fingers in the Dish; Such Mouthfuls, too, have ceased to be Since Prophet Jonah Mournfully Was swallowed by the Fish.

Pray from the Joint remove your Fiat, And do not stubbornly persist Good manners to offend. Some Day you'll choke upon a Slice, Or suffocate from too much Rice, And that will be your End.

UNIQUE GAME WITH LETTERS

Each Player is Given a Vowel and Five Minutes to Write Sentences—Longest Wins.

"Now," said Charlie, when everybody was gathered around the table, "let's play the vowel game father told us he used to play when he was a boy."

"How do you play it?" asked everybody at once.

"It's very easy," replied Charlie, distributing pencils and paper impartially among the family group. "You take the five regular vowels, a, e, i, o, u, and, beginning with the first letter, each player writes as long a sentence as he can, using no vowel except 'a' in any word, but repeating that letter as often as he wishes."

"I don't quite understand," said Cousin Lucy. "Please give us an example."

"You'll have to give me a few minutes' grace, then," laughed Charlie, taking his pencil and paper. "Suppose I take 'a.'" He wrote industriously a few minutes and then read the result aloud:

"Ah, madam, Frank Farns, a tall, tasty, black man at Panama, has a cat that can catch all bad ants and bats at Nathan's pantry and barn."

"Bravo!" cried uncles and aunts and cousins, as Charlie finished reading the queer sentence.

"You see," continued Charlie, "you may give the players five minutes, or any time you agree on beforehand, to make up the sentence. When the time is up, the sentences are read and the one having the longest sentence of good, plain, commonplace English has gained the first point. You go on this way for each of the five vowels, and when all the sentences are read and compared, the person who has gained the most points wins the game."

A TRIP BEGUN IS HALF DONE.

Willie, Jennie, Mary, Joe, Decided they would take a row From Boston down to Tokyo.

Until up spoke the River Man: "I really do not think you can, For Tokyo is in Japan."

"But, why," they asked in great dismay, "Could we not go a little way, And start again some other day?"

What happened then, I do not know, But that was yesterday, and so They must have gone to Tokyo.

LIFTING CATS AND RABBITS

Mistake to Lift Animal by Nape of Neck Without Supporting Lower Part of Body.

It is a mistaken idea that the proper way to lift a full-grown cat is by the nape of its neck without supporting the lower part of its body with the other hand, says Watchword. It is true that the mother cat carries young kittens by grasping in her mouth the loose skin at the back of her offspring's neck, but a tiny kitten is a very different matter from a large cat, and, indeed, the only way to lift a kitten without squeezing or hurting its soft little body is to lift it by its neck; but after it has grown larger its own weight is too great to be supported by such a bit of skin and fur as is so grasped by the hand, and many a cat suffers perfect tortures by being held in this manner, and is quite helpless to run or struggle, as in such a position certain of its muscles cannot be controlled, and it is absolutely at the mercy of its unconscious tormentor.

The same rule should be observed in lifting rabbits by their ears. They should always be partially supported by the free hand and not allowed to dangle with their whole weight straining from their large but necessarily delicate ears.

Even or Odd.

This game is the most ancient, perhaps, that we know. The children who played in the streets of Athens and in the Roman Forum in early ages, knew and loved it, and little children find amusement in it still. It is played in this manner: One child hides in her hand a few beans, nuts, or just bits of paper, and asks her companion to guess if they are even or odd.

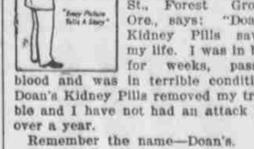
If the playfellow guesses odd and on opening her hand the other displays an odd number, she forfeits the articles to the guesser, who hides them in her turn. But if the guess is odd and the number even, the guesser pays a forfeit and the first hider retains the beans, etc. The guess must be right to win.

A Conditional Situation.

If little girls were not so stupid And little boys were not such fools, And no one needed any teaching, There'd be no public grammar schools.

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"I always try to be a gentleman." "Some people have pretty hard trials, don't they?"

TINY BABY'S PITIFUL CASE

"Our baby when two months old was suffering with terrible eczema from head to foot, all over her body. The baby looked just like a skinned rabbit. We were unable to put clothes on her. At first it seemed to be a few matted pimples. They would break the skin and peel off leaving the underneath skin red as though it were scalded. Then a few more pimples would appear and spread all over the body, leaving the baby all raw without skin from head to foot. On top of her head there appeared a heavy scab a quarter of an inch thick. It was awful to see so small a baby look as she did. Imagine! The doctor was afraid to put his hands to the child. We tried several doctors' remedies but all failed.

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Local Enterprise.

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NOT THE TIME FOR THAT

Scotsmen Objected to Mixture of Good Whisky and Religious Conversation.

Owen Seaman, editor of Punch, was the principal guest at a dinner of the London Authors' club recently, which was followed by a discussion on "Humor." Mr. Seaman began with a story deprecating the spilling of good dinners by any discussion at all.

There were three characters in the story—a bluebottle and two Scotsmen. The story at once struck a note of probability by showing the Scotsmen drinking whisky. The bluebottle buzzed on the pane; otherwise silence reigned.

This was broken by one of the Scotsmen trying to locate the bluebottle with zoological exactitude. Said the Scotsman:

"Sandy, I'm thinking if you fly is a bird or a beastie."

The other replied: "Man, don't spoil good whisky with religious conversation."

Vermont Thrift.

Robert Lincoln O'Brien, editor of the Boston Transcript, is a great admirer of the thrift of the Vermonters, but thinks sometimes they carry it too far.

O'Brien was up in Vermont last summer and went to dinner with a friend who had some political aspirations. As they came to the door he heard the lady of the house say to the hired girl: "I see Mr. Jones has somebody with him for dinner. Take those two big potatoes down to the cellar and bring up three small ones."

Does Engineering Work.

Miss Bandurin is superintendent of an engineering firm in Russia. She was graduated from the Women's Technological Institute in St. Petersburg, and has had practical experience in engineering. She built a steel warehouse for an army co-operative society, has been assistant engineer in building a bridge across the Neva and has done other important work.

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WILL MAKE HIS HOME IN CANADA. Brimley, Minn., Aug. 1st, 1910. "I am going to Canada a week from today and intend to make my home here. My husband has been there six weeks and is well pleased with the country; so he wants me to come with him. He filed on a claim near Lusk, Sask., and by his description of it it must be a pretty place."

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Letters similar to the following are received every day, testifying to satisfactory conditions; other districts are as favorably spoken of:

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